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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) released the following statement today:

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“Monday, a group of people, not my constituents, approached me as I was rushing to a meeting and we wound up having an argument.

“I am sorry that I yelled at them. I respect their passion on the issue; I wish they would respect mine. We are both frustrated, and that led us to have an argument that we never should have had because we both want to see an end to U.S. involvement in that war. What divided us was the question of how.

“When they were arguing that I should vote against the legislation that I am sponsoring, they did not know that the proposal would in fact give the House its first opportunity in the four years of this misguided war to vote on a timeline for bringing it to a close.

“I would hope that the president’s announced intention to veto that legislation because of the timeline would convince these folks to reconsider their opposition to it.

“This is just another example of how Americans have become needlessly and painfully divided on a war that I have opposed from the beginning and that the President should never have

misled us into.

“I intend to continue to press forward to pass this legislation because it is the best chance we have to bring our involvement in that civil war to a conclusion.”